The Core Group on Administrative Reforms has considered the Scheme and the approval of the competent authority has been sought for launching the Scheme. The Scheme is likely to commence from the financial year 2006-2007.

Bringing more companies under preview of RTI Act

2503. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to broad base the Right to Information Act in order to bring more Companies/PSUs/Co-op. Societies under the preview of the said Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Under Secretaries in Central Secretariat

2504. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the factors that determine the occurence of vacancies out of the total number of 1400 Posts of Under Secretaries in the Central Secretariat Service;

(b) the number of vacancies of Under Secretaries as on 1.12.2005 and the number of vacancies likely to arise in the next six months and by when these vacancies will be filled up; and

(c) the measure being taken to remove the stagnation in promotion of CSS offices and to ensure promotion of those Section Officers who have completed at least 12 years of service as on date to make this service comparable with the State Secretariat Services which have become more attractive by way of promotion, time scales etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Factors that determine the occurence of vacancies in the Grade 1 (Under Secretary) of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) may broadly be